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Column One By David Courtney

IF I were a philosopher instead of a harassed political columnist I would say, at this season, something like this: God belongs to no religion and to all religions and partakes with equal relish of the Passover Supper and the Christmas dinner and the Moslem feast at the end of Ramadan. Of course, if I were a philosopher instead of a harassed political columnist I would know that all this has been said before by better philosophers and that there was no need to say it again. But the rediscovery of truth is as important as the original discovery of it. Next spring's flowers will be as surprisingly beautiful as the first spring's flowers were.

BUT I am not a philosopher and therefore am not merely saying these things but really wishing I knew how to. Besides, it is the eve of Christmas. When I was a small boy I was told how a Jewish man and wife of Nazareth came down to Bethlehem and because there was no room left in the inn were lodged in the stable and how there, among the surprised and frightened-looking cows and donkeys and the stable boy, was born the Messiah. It was a pretty story that grew and grew but the main thing about it, as I remember it, was that out of that sweet episode in a Bethlehem stable would one day come peace on earth and goodwill to all men.

NOW, if I were that philosopher I would say that two thousand years ago — or nearly that length of time — are really no more than a day or two and that the message of Bethlehem was the expression of a hope that in that sweet episode in a Bethlehem stable would one day come peace on earth and goodwill to all men.

DEAR me, I had better give up this amateurish infiltration into the affairs of philosophy and get back to the shoe-maker's last, that is to say, to political commentary. The trouble is that however grown up and realistic and cynical one may become with the years, the little boy who was told the story of Bethlehem tags along at one's side. After all, as I remember, in a fond poem tells how, a sensible grown man full of years and pride, he wandered among the stars and there met himself as a small child. Most of us have had that experience; and many must have had it when something was being commemorated in childhood with warmth and coziness, and a kindly security, and miraculous delight.

I SUPPOSE it is nostalgia. One is shaken by what Pierre Loti in one of his nostalgic books calls the "frisson" of the past, which he felt as he lay in the shadow of cypress trees before the Mosque of Ayyub, on the shores of the Bosphorus. One day, perhaps, grown up and wise as we may be, we shall catch up with our childhood and that may mean catching up with the spirit by turning round and recognizing it far away in the innocence and belief of childhood.

NOT that I really know anything about it. There are people who spend their whole lives trying to know about it and teach us the priests and the rabbis and the philosophers. They have written books and books about it, as is their business to do. I have not read the half or a third of the hundredth of them and suppose I never shall but I doubt if any of them has said anything better than the simple story of Bethlehem. One day, perhaps, grown up and wise as we may be, we shall catch up with our childhood and that may mean catching up with the spirit by turning round and recognizing it far away in the innocence and belief of childhood.

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CHINESE GUN DUEL
TAIPEI, Thursday (Reuters). — Chinese mainland gun duels fired more than 300 shells at the Nationalist-held island of Quemoy, the Defence Ministry reported here.

Heavy Fighting Is Reported In Paraguay Revolt

BUENOS AIRES, Thursday (Reuters). — Heavy fighting was going on in the streets of Asuncion, capital of Paraguay, where a revolution broke out during the night, according to a broadcast in Buenos Aires this morning.

All communications with Paraguay were cut off. Reports reaching here said that the revolution began after President Alfredo Stroessner ordered the arrest of Dr. Eusebio Mendez Fleitas, President of the Central Bank and "strong man" of the Colorado Party.

This party, of which President Stroessner is a member, is the only one allowed to function in Paraguay. Mr. Mendez was accused of plotting against President Stroessner, the reports said.

The uprising began in a cavalry regiment in the capital and at the Campo Grande military garrison nearby.

Was Leader in Coup
Mr. Mendez played a leading part in the military coup in May, 1954, which overthrew President Chavez. Elections three months later brought Mr. Stroessner to power.

President Stroessner, whose opponents have accused him of being a dictator, has had a troubled rule. On January 25 this year, the Government announced that a plot against him had been suppressed. When the deposed Argentinian President, Gen. Peron, sought refuge in Paraguay on October 2, his presence was reported to have caused President Stroessner, a personal friend of his, considerable embarrassment.

A newspaper correspondent, who went to Asuncion at the time, reported that sooner or later a revolt would break out in Paraguay as exiles in Buenos Aires formed resistance groups, and unrest was said to be apparent among civilians and army officers in Paraguay itself.

Turkish Opposition Raps Gov't Pro-Arab Stand
ISTANBUL, Thursday (INA). — A violent attack on the Menderes Government and its Middle East policy was launched in Parliament today by a group of opposition Republicans. The group, led by Mr. Ismet Inönü, leader of the opposition Republican Party and former President of Mr. Inönü, charged that the wrongness of the policy was exemplified by Premier Adnan Menderes' encouragement of one side "by promising to rush to its frontiers and to its aid."

He also said that Turkey had assumed too many commitments in connection with the Baghdad pact. His reference to encouragement to one side was intended to criticize a statement made by Mr. Menderes when he told Jordan's Arab Legion that it should not be surprised if Turkish troops came to its aid in the event of war.

Nehru Said 'Embarrassed' By Russian Speeches
NEW DELHI, Thursday (UP). — Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru today reportedly accused Russia's leaders of "twisting history" in their speeches during their tour of India.

Delegates at a closed meeting of Mr. Nehru's Congress Party said that the Premier had declared that he was "embarrassed" by some of the things Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev said and the Communist Party Chief, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, had said.

Mr. Nehru was reported to have said that the Russians twisted history in charging that the Western Allies sent Nazi Germany against Russia in the early days of World War II.

Iraqi, British Air Force Chiefs Confer
LONDON, Thursday (Reuters). — The Iraqi Chief of Air Staff, Brigadier Kadhim Abadi, had two meetings today with his opposite number, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir William Dickson.

Abadi is on a four-day official visit to the R.A.F. after a three-week tour of the U.S. He called on Sir William at the Air Ministry this morning and met him again at a cocktail party given by the Iraqi Air Attache tonight.

WHEAT FOR ISRAEL
WASHINGTON, Thursday (Reuters). — The Department of Agriculture announced today that a purchase authorization issued in June to Israel to buy U.S. wheat or wheat flour for Israel pounds has been increased to \$2.14m. The June authorization permitted purchase of \$1.64m. worth of wheat.

W. Berlin to Pay Israel \$3m. Restitution

BERLIN, Thursday (UP). — The West Berlin City Government and the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization today signed an agreement totalling 13.5m. marks (\$3.34m.) to cover Berlin restitution payments. Under the agreement, the City of Berlin will pay 1m. marks (\$240,000) to the Jewish community, and agree to deliver to Israel goods totalling 12.5m. marks (\$3.14m.).

Present at the signing ceremony were Mayor Otto Suhr of West Berlin and the Director of the Jewish organization, Mr. S. P. Ferencz.

41 Killed in Riots, Jordan Admits

Forty-one persons were killed and 150 wounded during the recent riots in Jordan, it was officially reported in Amman yesterday. It is believed that most of the deaths occurred when troops fired on demonstrators.

The new Cabinet, sworn in on Wednesday to supervise elections, held its first meeting yesterday. It expressed satisfaction at the return to normalcy in the country, and also reviewed the results of the Anglo-Jordan financial talks. It also asked the Minister of Interior to arrange a programme for the parliamentary elections.

The agricultural school at Jabha was closed by the Jordan authorities after a general strike was called by students as a protest against the detention of two students who participated in the anti-Baghdad riots. The students yesterday were forcibly placed on lorries and driven to their home towns and villages.

'Pravda' Lauds Jordan's 'Courageous Partisans'

MOSCOW, Thursday. — The Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" today praised the "courageous partisans" who rioted in Jordan for five days against the Baghdad pact and caused the downfall of the new Government backing it.

Fawzi, Saud to Discuss Subsidy to Jordan

CAIRO, Thursday (Reuters). — Foreign Minister, Mahmoud Fawzi, and War Minister Major-General Abdul Hakim Amer, were today by air for Saudi Arabia to meet King Saud.

They will discuss with him the question of replacing the annual British subsidy to the Jordan Government, an Egyptian spokesman said. Reports yesterday said that Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia had offered Jordan to give her an annual grant equal to the British subsidy.

Defence Pact
Fawzi and Amer, who also discussed implementation of the recently concluded Egyptian-Saudi Arabian mutual defence pact, the spokesman added.

In Damascus, Premier Said Ghanem said that he might personally visit King Husain of Jordan and members of the new Jordanian Government in connection with Syria's offer of aid to permit Jordan to disengage with British financial help in Amman, former Defence Minister Farhan Shubail said in a press interview.

Temporary Cease-Fire For North Malaya

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaya, Thursday (Reuters). — The Government today announced a cease-fire from tomorrow night over 1,000 square kms in North Malaya where "peace talks" with Malayan Communists are scheduled next week.

A new face
Housewife Tamar now takes a bow amongst the galaxy of well-known characters whose face has become so familiar to readers of this newspaper. Her name is a command of the Hebrew words "Tamar" (Rose) and "Mara" (My).

Housewife Tamar is a new face in the general public in Jerusalem. A few drops of it improve the taste of soups, sauces, salads, vegetables and other dishes.

Algeria Prepares To Demand Full Independence

PARIS, Thursday (Reuters). — A more demand recognition of Algeria as a separate nation was reported today from the French North African territory, where a fresh outbreak of terrorism is casting a growing shadow over the French election campaign.

In the past three days, 52 persons have been killed in a wave of attacks by rebels who want to change Algeria's status as a province of France.

The Governor-General, M. Jacques Soustelle, is reported to have asked for another 80,000 troops to reinforce the 188,000 troops in Algeria.

The present French caretaker Government, in charge of the country until its successor is formed after polling on January 2, is believed to be embarrassed by the request. An unwritten convention prevents a temporary government from taking a major decision such as sending reinforcements, and this would also need calling more conscripts — an unpopular move which would almost certainly damage the chances of the Government centre-right parties in the election.

Prime Minister Edgar Faure decided last night to send out a small commission of inquiry to find exactly what is needed, but this is widely felt here to be a temporizing measure designed to stave off any action until after the elections.

Belgium Hopes For Halt to Arms Flow

BRUSSELS, Thursday. — Belgium "earnestly" hopes that the flow of arms through Belgium to "unknown destinations" will be stopped, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday. He made the statement as the Egyptian ship "Al Kahira" was about to depart for Alexandria with another 15 recaptured Vespene tanks bought as scrap in Britain.

The spokesman said that Belgium was not detached from the joint undertaking to maintain a balance in the supply of arms to the Middle East made by Britain, the U.S. and France in 1950. He said that the shipments from Belgium "were perfectly in order as far as we are concerned."

Meanwhile, the London "Daily Herald" said editorially today that the "scandal of British tanks finding their way to the Middle East" is growing worse. It asked: "Communist arms are going to Egypt officially, but what sort of thing is this? Britain is one of the countries responsible for Middle East peace."

Latest reports in London today said that some 150 surplus tanks are being put into fighting trim in Belgium, of which 20 have already been sent to Egypt. Informal sources stated that the size of the shipment — buying war surplus in Britain — is "quite substantial." (Reuters, UP)

Dutch Firms Told To Ignore Arab Threats

THE HAGUE, Thursday (Reuters). — The Foreign Minister without Portfolio, Mr. Joseph Luns, told the Second Chamber (Lower House) here tonight that there was "no legal basis" for Arab countries to stage an economic boycott of Israel.

The Minister was replying to questions on a circular sent recently to Dutch firms by the Arab states asking for information on their trade with Israel and informing them of the boycott.

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Security Council Postpones Kinneret Debate: Eban Outlines Syrian Threat

Israel's Rights Are Inviolable Submits Captured Documents

UNITED NATIONS, Thursday. — The Israel Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, informed the U.N. Security Council today that Syria had erected bridgeheads in Israel territory along the northeastern shore of Lake Kinneret with the intention of establishing her claim to this area by force.

U.N. Secretary to Use Influence in Mid-East

UNITED NATIONS, Thursday (INA). — Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld will attempt to use his personal influence with the heads of all Middle Eastern Governments, including Israel, to effect some kind of rapprochement between the conflicting countries.

At a news conference today, Mr. Hammarskjöld announced that he will leave soon on a seven-month trip to capitals of 15 member states, during which he will visit Jerusalem, as well as Cairo, Beirut, and the capitals of other Arab League states.

He declined to discuss the letter he has received from Premier Abdul Nasser of Egypt, threatening war against Israel, and said he would reply "in another place." This was immediately interpreted to mean that he will discuss this with Abdul Nasser himself and possibly with Mr. David Ben-Gurion.

Mr. Hammarskjöld said he probably would not have Gen. E.L.M. Burns accompany him on his visit to the Middle East capitals. He added that the primary purpose of his trip was to enable him to attend the next meeting of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) in Bangalore, India, on February 2.

GEN. BURNS BACK FROM LEBANON
Major-General E.L.M. Burns, Chief of the Truce Supervision Organization, returned to Jerusalem from the Lebanon yesterday afternoon after conferring with Gen. Fudh Shih, Lebanese Chief of Staff. The T.S.O. spokesman would not disclose the nature of their discussions.

AIR VIOLATIONS

An Egyptian aircraft flew over Israel territory opposite the Golan Strip on Wednesday afternoon, the Army spokesman has announced.

The spokesman said that the UN's influence would prevail upon Syria to honour her repeatedly broken promises to refrain from interference with Israel vessels on the Lake. The Syrian attacks on October 17, November 1 and December 16 were striking affirmations that Syria was always willing to consider arrangements with Syria in accordance with the Armistice Agreement.

Four Essential Facts
The Burns report confirmed the continuing series of Syrian aggression and breaches of the Armistice Agreement, and brought out two essential facts, he continued:

1. The Syrian Government, as reported, "increased the tension between Israel and Syria." 2. Israel offered to settle the problem peacefully and to grant Syria the right to fish in the Lake. Syria rejected the offer of peace.

Gen. Burns' report omitted two other salient facts:

a. The Syrian Government as early as 1950, and later on other occasions, used its forces in an aggressive manner with Israeli activities on the Lake. b. The fact that Israel had unreservedly offered to settle the problem peacefully and to grant Syria the right to fish in the Lake. Syria rejected the offer of peace.

Gen. Burns did not care to mention points a and b in view of this disclosure was "inexplicable."

Moreover, the report could have mentioned that Syrian attacks were directed against vessels of all kinds and not only against Israeli vessels.

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Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi on Wednesday evening received a group of young leaders of the Hashomer Hatzair movement.

ARRIVALS: Mr. Arthur Saul Spier, from a two-month lecture tour of the U.S. and Canada on behalf of Youth Aliya; Mr. Shalom Rosenfeld, Legal Advisor to the Foreign Ministry; Mr. Yosef Kanner, of the Foreign Ministry, after attending the European Civil Aviation Congress in Strasbourg as an observer; Professor Dr. Jacob Dineen, Dean of the College of Dentistry at the University of Illinois, on a three-month visit as a guest of the Government and the Hebrew University School of Dentistry; Professor and Mrs. Norman Ben-Zvi, from London, on a visit.

The Haifa branch of the Dante Alighieri Society held its annual At Home dinner at the Italian liner, s.s. Messapia, on Wednesday night. Among those present was the Italian Consul in Haifa, Mr. Mario Bonetti.

Mr. E.B. Yeshaya, Jerusalem District Commissioner, accompanied by Dr. M. Meir, Deputy Director of the Christian Communities Division in the Ministry for Religious Affairs, yesterday visited the monastery and church of Notre Dame de France and the Pontifical Biblical Institute.

Twenty Hebrew Teachers from South Africa, who are at present in Israel under the auspices of the Jewish Agency, visited the Hebrew University yesterday and were received by Professor S. Goldstein, Chairman of the University's Board for Overseas Examinations in Hebrew.

Dr. Michael Avi-Yonah last night gave an illustrated lecture on the recent excavations at Masada, at a meeting in Jerusalem under the joint auspices of the Hahadut Olet America v'Canada and the Hahadut Olet Britania.

The first one-man show of the artist Zvi Ehrman will be opened at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Chemersky Gallery in Tel Aviv.

Mr. Yitzhak Rokach of the Citrus Marketing Board will speak on "Citrus Fruit Sales" at the Haifa Maritime and Economic Club at 1.15 p.m. today. (Reservations by phone 2954.)

The weekly Dinner Dance at the Israel Touring Club Restaurant, Talbich, will be held on Saturday night.

HAR MITYAH
 The Bar Mitzvah of Yoram, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Samuels, Rehovot, has been postponed owing to illness in the family.

Reserve New Year's Eve for the Gala Dinner and Dance at the Acadia Grand Hotel (Phone 4327/8, Tel Aviv). (Adv.)

Pilgrims in Jerusalem For Christmas Crossing

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Christmas pilgrims of the Western churches began flocking to Jerusalem yesterday in preparation for their passage to the Old City through Mandelbaum Gate which will be opened at 7 o'clock this morning.

All preparations for their smooth passage have already been completed by the Jerusalem Police. It is estimated that despite the tense situation in Jordan earlier this week, most of them will cross as planned. Large processing tents have been set up in Rehov Chivli Yisrael, as they will use this entrance and not that of Rehov Shmuel Hanavi (where the police checkpoint was the target for stones thrown by Arab Legionaries on Wednesday night).

More than 800 of the 1,800 pilgrims who have asked permission to cross yesterday received their one clear allowance at the District Commissioner's office in the General building.

Belief Weather
 The pilgrims are saying mainly in hopes of a snowfall throughout the city and in the YMCA. A small snowfall was accommodated in Haifa.

Many of the early arrivals were seen yesterday evening strolling about town to enjoy one of the balmy days Jerusalem has experienced this year.

Eckmann's Explain Price Cut Initiative

The first company to take up the proposal of Mr. P. Sapir, Minister of Commerce and Industry, that manufacturers and traders reduce their prices by five per cent is Eckmann Ltd., which runs a chain of department stores in Tel Aviv.

At a press conference held in Tel Aviv on Wednesday, Mr. A. Cohen, one of the company's directors, explained that although the economy in general had not yet responded to Mr. Sapir's suggestion, he thought that the initiative should come from trade, adding that industry would be the last to follow.

Mr. Cohen emphasized that the price reduction would remain in force only while the present difficult economic position lasts.

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Cheaper Immigrant Housing Considered

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A drastic reduction in the quality of immigrant housing is being considered in order to step up the rate of immigration from North Africa. Mr. E. Shragal, head of the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency, said at a press conference yesterday in Jerusalem.

Mr. Shragal reported it was feared that unless the North African countries would close their gates to emigration, the question that was to facilitate the migration of all Jews who wanted to come before this happened, even if it meant putting them in transit camps in a third country.

Of the 170,000-180,000 still in North Africa, about 80,000 Jews had signed their intention to come here. Of the others, 10,000 could not meet selection regulations, about 40,000 chose to stay, and another 40,000 intended to immigrate to countries other than Israel.

Last Reservoir

Following the end of emigration from North Africa, Israel could expect a long period when newcomers would be few and far between. If 5,000 could then be attracted a year, this might be considered successful, Mr. Shragal said.

Mr. Shragal said that the kibbutzim had lately begun to seek out the emigration of all Jews who wanted to come before this happened, even if it meant putting them in transit camps in a third country.

A 16-YEAR-OLD boy, of Rehov Ein Geddi, Jerusalem, was detained yesterday for allegedly threatening to fall with a kitchen knife after the father had refused to give him money.

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M.K. Falls to Back Allegation of Branding

Jerusalem Post Reporter

All efforts of the Ministry of Defence to get details from Mr. Yosef Kanner, M.K. (Mapam) concerning allegations made in his maiden speech last month about military government officials branding Arab villagers with an iron have failed. The Jerusalem Post has learned that the Ministry appealed to Mr. Kanner several times in writing, by telegram and by telephone asking him to volunteer information needed by the authorities in their investigation into the allegations.

The Minister of Defence, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, is expected to make a statement on the matter in the House next week. It will be recalled that the investigation already carried out into the charges revealed that to be completely unfounded and that none of the dozens of Arab villagers questioned said he had ever heard of such a case.

Tokyo Prostitutes Protest

TOKYO, Thursday (UPI). — Two Socialist Members of Parliament are behind a move to create a nationwide union of prostitutes protesting their right to make a living, according to the newspaper "Asahi" today.

The disclosure created a furor in the Socialist Party, which has been fighting for an anti-prostitution law, and party members demanded the ouster of the two legislators, Mr. Asachi Takahara and Mr. Zensaku Iwawaki.

The move was timed to coincide with the presentation of an anti-prostitution law to the Diet which opens on Saturday. A parade of 5,000 prostitutes in front of the Diet building to protest the bill is being planned.

M.D.A. STATION AT OFAKIM

A Magen David Adom station has been opened in Moshav Ofakim, to serve the Merhavim district in the South. Two ambulances with full-time drivers have been left with the 54 settlers of the district who last Friday received diplomas after graduating from an intensive first aid course held at Moshav Ofakim.

Among them was the white-bearded Moroccan rabbi of Ofakim, who said that he felt he must serve as an example to his congregation.

Work Starts on New Homes for Villagers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Work began this week on the construction in the Masaroth area of the first houses for displaced Israeli Arabs. They will be assigned to 20 families, former residents of Safad, villages near Nazareth, which was destroyed during the War of Independence. Included among the recipients of these new homes will be Shafik Salim, M.K. who for 25 years was Chairman of the Safad Local Council during the Mandate.

The villagers, whose lands were requisitioned under the Acquisition of Land Law of 1950, were given agricultural units of 30 dunams each, in addition to half the area of orchards and olive groves they had cultivated in their native villages, as well as a two-dunam building plot. The villagers have been living temporarily in nearby E-Renah village.

Meanwhile, 40 tenants living in huts on the land recently requisitioned for the building of the new Safad kibbutz have been circulating petitions among Cabinet Ministers and Members of the Knesset, asking for alternative accommodation and land.

Hungarian Clocks 4.3 Mins. in Mile

MELBOURNE, Thursday (Reuters). — Istvan Romanyov, 20-year-old Hungarian Army captain, clocked 4 minutes 3 seconds here in an unsuccessful attempt to beat the world mile record of 3:58 held by Australian John Landy. Landy, another Hungarian, was second, with Mervin Lincoln, Australian, third. Romanyov has equalled the world record for 1,000 metres.

Dave Stephens, Australia's "Flying mileman," beat Sander Iharcos, Hungarian holder of five world records, in the three miles. This was Stephens' second victory over Iharcos in five days. He beat Iharcos and Tabort in a 5,000 metres race here on Saturday. Stephens started away from Iharcos in the last 200 yards in 33.37 seconds. Australian record is 13:14. Dave Power, Australia, was third.

PARRY O'BRIEN SETS NEW KIWI SHOT 'HIGH'

WELLINGTON, Wednesday (Reuters). — Parry O'Brien, holder of the world shot put record, set a New Zealand all-comers record at Dunedin recently with a throw of 17.34 metres. Previous best was 15.53 metres set by another American, Al. Hay, in 1947. O'Brien's world record is 18.54 metres.

TWO NEW POSTMARKS BEARING THE SLOGAN "GIVE TO THE DEFENCE FUND"

will be put into use on Sunday, the former in the main post office in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa, and the latter in Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan, Netanya, Petah Tikva and Tiberias. Collectors may protest envelopes for franking before Sunday.

WEDDING

— Joe Louis, former world heavyweight boxing champion, and Rose Morgan, owner of a beauty parlor, yesterday took out their marriage license for a Christmas Day wedding in New York. Louis, 41, was previously married twice to Marva Trotter and twice divorced. Miss Morgan, 35, has been married once before.

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